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North Dakota Department of Health Releases 2013 Drinking Water Compliance Report

BISMARCK, N.D. – Information about North Dakota's public water systems is available in the newly released 2013 Drinking Water Compliance Report prepared by the North Dakota Department of Health.

North Dakota's public water systems continue to maintain an excellent Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance record. According to the newly-released report, the department issued 291 certificates of compliance to operators and public water systems during 2013.

The Drinking Water Compliance Report is issued annually and documents local compliance with the federal SDWA. All SDWA violations incurred in North Dakota in 2013 are included in the report. Also listed are violations recorded in 2014 based on 2013 monitoring data.

"The purpose of the report is to improve consumer awareness of drinking water compliance issues," said Greg Wavra, administrator of the department's Drinking Water Program. "People served by systems that incurred SDWA violations in 2013 should have been informed of those violations by their water suppliers." Wavra added that it is important to note that "the majority of the violations referred to in the 2013 report have been resolved. It is a significant challenge for public water systems and states to meet the ever-increasing number of requirements under the SDWA."

To obtain a copy of the 2013 Drinking Water Compliance Report, contact the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Municipal Facilities, at 918 E. Divide Ave., 3rd Floor, Bismarck, N.D. 58501-1947, or call 701.328.5211. The report can be viewed on the department's website at http://www.ndhealth.gov/mf. Click on Publications.

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